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1. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER SEPTEMBER 6 TO CONVEY OUR CONCERNS ON THE
CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE AS PER REFTELS.
THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL INTER-
EST IN THE ISSUE, AND OUR HOPES THAT THE FRG SHARED OUR
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VIEWS AND WOULD SUPPORT THE LEGITIMATE KHMER GOVERN-

MENT AT THE UNGA. THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THE SUPPORTERS OF THE GKR, IN PARTICULAR JAPAN AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, INTEND TO TABLE A CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION AIMED, AT A MINIMUM, AT FURTHER POSTPONING A VOTE ON THE ISSUE OR CAUSING SUCH A VOTE TO BE TREATED AS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

2. GENSCHER SAID HE FULLY SHARED OUR CONCERNS. THE PROSPECTS IN THE UNGA WERE NOT FAVORABLE. THERE MIGHT WELL BE A MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF EXCLUDING THE KHMER GOVERNMENT DELEGATION. THE QUESTION IS HOW CAN THIS BE AVOIDED? AS FOR THE IMPORTANT QUESTION ROUTE, HERE TOO THE SITUATION WAS DIFFICULT. THE VOTE ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTION PROCEDURE WAS ITSELF BY SIMPLE MAJORITY, AND THE OPPONENTS OF THE KHMER GOVERNMENT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE ABLE TO MUSTER ENOUGH STRENGTH TO DEFEAT THE MOTION. GENSCHER SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE NINE, AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A USEFUL JOINT INITIATIVE. IN ANY DISCUSSION IN THE NINE HE WOULD BEAR IN MIND US CONCERNS.

3. COMMENT: GENSCHER CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE AND WAS AT PAINS TO REASSURE US THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL, BUT HIS COMMENTS WERE ON A VERY GENERAL PLANE. FROM COMMENTS WE HAVE HEARD AT LOWER LEVELS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WE KNOW THAT THE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO FIND SOME WAY TO PREVENT THE SEATING OF GRUNK, WHICH IS THE OUTCOME THEY ANTICIPATE AS THE RESULT OF A BLANK TEST OF STRENGTH IN THE UN AND WHICH, THEY AGREE, WOULD ONLY SHARPEN THE CONFRONTATION IN CAMBODIA WITHOUT OFFERING ANY SOLUTION. THIS WILL PRESUMABLY BE THE AREA THEY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR EC NINE COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE NO DOUBT, IN FACT, THAT THE FRG IS THE "UNNAMED EC COUNTRY" MENTIONED IN LONDON'S 11323 WHICH IS PROPOSING (AT LEAST AT THE EC CORRESPONDENTS LEVEL--READ BERENDONCK) AN EC RESOLUTION CALLING FOR VACATING OF CAMBODIA'S SEAT--AND WE NOTE THAT THIS IS CONFIRMED BY PHNOM PENH'S 11995. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE STRONGLY
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SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 3 OF PHNOM PENH 11995 THAT WE PROVIDE EC GOVERNMENTS WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS IS AVAILABLE ON EFFORTS OF ASIAN COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO GKR TO COME UP WITH RESOLUTION WHICH COULD WIN MAJORITY SUPPORT IN UN AND WOULD RESULT IN RETAINING CAMBODIAN SEAT FOR GKR. IN SEPT. 5 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, FONOFF SEA DIRECTOR BERENDONCK SAID FRG MIGHT INDEED BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT

SUCH AN ASIAN INITIATIVE IF IT HAD A CHANCE OF ACCOMPLISHING ITS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, THE FRG HAD NO INKLING OF WHAT OR WHERE IT WAS, AND IN THE MEANTIME, IN BERENDONCK'S VIEW, TIME WAS RUNNING OUT. HILLENBRAND

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